

district commissioner to village trustee and eventually mayor. She has served on countless boards and commissions, but the title that I was most grateful for was that of "friend".

I have known Arlene since the days I was a congressional staffer for Congressman John Porter. Arlene was a "get things done" mayor. It is why she was tapped by both Democrats and Republicans to partner on issues. When I first took office as Congressman for the 10th Congressional District, Arlene quickly became my go-to mayor for a host of issues.

Whenever we wanted to schedule a townhall meeting in the northwest suburbs, Arlene was my first call. I remember during the health care debate we had a townhall meeting at the village building. When hundreds of citizens showed up and it was clear our room would not be large enough to hold everyone, Arlene immediately went into action and helped us have not one townhall meeting, but two back-to-back. Her resourcefulness ensured that we could communicate with twice the number of constituents on a very important issue.

While we Senators may feel as if we have a full workload between constituent and committee meetings, votes and briefings, Arlene's membership in outside organizations is enough to make even the best multitasker dizzy. She has served on more than a dozen outside boards, commissions, and committees, many focused on the importance of transportation. As a member of Metra's board of directors, she became an advocate for thousands of suburban commuters who rely on commuter rail to get to their jobs. As chair of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, she led efforts to ensure a balance between the economic development role of O'Hare International Airport and the impact on surrounding communities.

But what I will miss most is our time at the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade. Each year, we would honor a local veteran with a military award that was earned but never received. It was always a moving day, and while she will not be the mayor at future ceremonies, I know I will see her there for many years to come.

While I am honored to serve as Arlene's Senator, I am more proud that Arlene was my mayor. Her dedication to the village and people of Arlington Heights will not be forgotten. I wish Arlene and her husband Al and their entire family all the best as she begins the next phase of her public service. Arlington Heights and the State of Illinois were lucky to have her. Thank you, Arlene for all that you have done for us.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1246. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide that the District of Columbia Treasurer or one of the Deputy Chief Financial Officers of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia may perform the functions and duties of the Office in an acting capacity if there is a vacancy in the Office.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 788. A bill to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Marilyn B. Tavenner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 777. A bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 778. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 779. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for reporting and disclosure by State and local public employee retirement pension plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 780. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 781. A bill to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. KING):

S. 782. A bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 783. A bill to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 784. A bill to expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 785. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the use of official time by Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 786. A bill to require agencies to quantify costs associated with proposed economically significant regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 787. A bill to require agencies to set forth reasons for determining that a proposed regulatory action is significant; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. 788. A bill to suspend the fiscal year 2013 sequester and establish limits on war-related spending; read the first time.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 789. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 790. A bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 791. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.